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Bay Rd. Shared Septic System Wins Approval

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After a lengthy discussion, selectmen voted unanimously to support the Board of Health's proposal for a shared septic system at the Wadsworth Road park for 31 Bay Road.

Selectmen voted in favor of Article 10, a proposal to spend \$80,000 for the design and engineering of the shared septic

system, and they also voted for Article 13, the \$925,000 needed for the project's construction and bonding costs.

"The problem has been in Duxbury for decades. I applaud the Board of Health for taking steps to do something about pollution in the bay," said Selectman Margaret

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Kearney.

The health board's proposal to build a shared septage treatment facility under land the Wadsworth Rd. park or on an adjacent town-owned wooded lot, has raised concerns from some residents who worried about the health hazards of having their children playing so close to a septic system leaching field.

The plan also has critics who say it doesn't go far enough to help other homes that have been identified as long-time polluters of the bay. A citizen's group, Duxbury Clean Bay Committee, has been formed because residents are concerned that the proposed solutions are short-term and

none can handle more homes that will have failed systems in the future. This committee is sponsoring two articles: one for a health study of the shared septic system under Wadsworth Rd. park and another for the design and cost of tying in the homes to a new sewer system in Kingston.

Selectmen voted against supporting either of these two articles, #11 and #12.

Selectman John Tuffy admitted the Wadsworth Park solution was not the ultimate answer. "We're faced with some less than perfect solutions," he said, "but I do believe this does not have a terrible impact on the Wadsworth Rd. area." Wadsworth Rd., which intersects Tremont St. (Rte. 3A) and runs to Bay Rd., contains a

playground and playing fields.

"As long as I'm a selectman I'm going to stay on top of this to find another solution" for the other homes, said Kearney. "I regret that we can't do it all."

Kearney said she thought that eventually shared septic systems will be all along Bay Rd.

